# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPING VARIOUS CHEAPER SYSTEMS OF MEDICINES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government plans to develop various cheaper indigenous systems of medicines as an affordable health tool for the common man;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds earmarked for this purpose, State-wise; and

(d) the present status thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS)

(a ) to ( d): The development of the indigenous systems of medicine − Ayurveda, Unani and Siddha - and the indigenous drugless therapy Yoga has been the focus of the Government for some time. It is precisely for this reason that a separate Department of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH) was set up in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1995. A great deal of research in these systems has been taken up by the concerned Central Research Councils and National Institutes and by private institutions with financial assistance from the Government. In addition to this, the Department of AYUSH has introduced a Central Sector Scheme for the Revitalization of Local Health Traditions during the 11th Plan with the specific objective of developing and upgrading Local Health Traditions in different parts of the country.

Funds are not earmarked on a State-wise basis. The Plan and non-Plan allocation of the Department of AYUSH for 2007-08 is Rs. 488.00 crores and Rs. 75.88 crores respectively.